



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 14 December 2020

What's new this week

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry & Holy

Christmas



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Term 4 - Dates to remember

Monday 14 Dec Year 6 Luna Park
Talent Quest

Tues 15 Dec End of Year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9am
Year 6 – Farewell Guard of Honour @
2.25pm

Wed 16 Dec Last Day of Term 4

Please [click here](#) to access school diary and obtain all upcoming dates

A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

As we head towards the end of the 2021 year, even amongst the many challenges of COVID, there remains so much to be proud of. Personally, I leave our community with a wonderful sense of fulfilment but also a heavy heart, as I will miss you all more than you can imagine!

The Farewell Liturgy on Friday was a special opportunity to say thank you to the community. COVID restrictions meant that most parents couldn't attend, however I took the opportunity (amongst my emotion) to thank our parents and families, staff and most importantly our wonderful students, both past and present. Thank you also to Jacqueline Power from our P&F for the beautiful words and gift. God bless everyone at OLSS in 2021 and beyond. You will always be in my heart.

Rob Peers
Principal 2014-2020



Farewell and Thank you to Fr Pawel and Michaelite Order from Terrigal Parish

Last week Bishop Anthony announced a series of moves for clergy in our diocese. Amongst these, Fr Pawel will be moving from our parish to the Wyoming parish in January. Fr Pawel has been with us exactly one year, and during the difficulties of COVID, has embraced the partnership between school and parish this year. We will be thanking Fr Pawel and making a small presentation at tomorrow's Thanksgiving Mass.

Thanksgiving Mass 2021

Tomorrow we have our end of year Thanksgiving Mass. COVID-19 restrictions sadly mean this will not be open for all parents **except Year 6 parents who have booked in. Those parents are reminded to keep to social distancing requirements.** We will be webcasting to K-5 classes and interested parents from **9am** and this will include the Kinder blessing, immediately following Mass (the same blessing Year 6 students bestowed onto their Kinder buddies to start this year). The link to the live broadcast is <https://youtu.be/VsH1ZqP2f6Q>

Last Day for Year 6

Tomorrow is the last official day for Year 6 students. As always, we hope this will be very special, beginning with the Thanksgiving Mass at **9am** and Kinder blessing. At **2.25pm** there will be a COVID-19 version of the traditional guard of honour. If weather is kind, this will be on the oval. If the forecast wet weather eventuates, this will be under cover outside classes and Year 6 parents will have the chance to watch under umbrellas in the top playground.

Student Leaders 2021

On Friday we held our leadership assembly, announcing our 2021 official Captains, Vice Captains and Coloured House Captains. Our Year 6 2020 leaders handed over the banner in a lovely assembly that was webcast to classes and Year 5 parents. We are proud of all our Year 5 students, whether they received an official position, or will be serving as a leader generally.

Captains	Vice Captains	Mackillop	Chisholm	Polding	Therry
Harrison E Samantha H	Matthew L Eadie S	Fletcher B Abigail C	Josh W Imogen C	Harrison T Keely P	Ashby R Tatum B





CHRISTMAS MASSES at TERRIGAL

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6pm 8pm 10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am and 10am

Children are welcome to dress up as angels, shepherds, wise men/girls for the **6pm** Mass. They will be sitting with their family in the pews at this Mass (not like previous years with the pageant). Please ring Janette if you wish to be a reader, usher, extra ordinary minister of Holy Communion, at the Christmas Masses.

PLEASE ABIDE BY THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR COVID RESTRICTIONS. NO NEED TO BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES. WE CAN ALSO TAKE THE OVERFLOW INTO THE HALL ONCE

OUR CAPACITY OF 250 HAS BEEN REACHED.

Our Lady Star of the Sea – Now recruiting for the School Concert Band 2021

Even amongst the many challenges of COVID-19, our school band has done a wonderful job during 2020. The band performed a video concert for parents which was sent out last week. (Sadly, we can't share to everyone, as there are strict protocols around permissions). Whilst it wasn't the same as the real thing, the children did a wonderful job performing and we congratulate each, along with teacher, Faith McLeod.



Some of flutists in their virtual concert 2020

With all signs of COVID restrictions finally easing next year, we look forward to 2021, and a more conventional program, including live performances. The band is open to Years **2-6 students** and [more information and registration forms are available by clicking here](#). Please return the registration form to school by the end of the **second week of Term 1 (Friday 5 February)**. Alternatively, we will have a few hard copies of the letter and enrolment form at reception. This applies to both returning students and new students. Well done to those who took part this year, and we hope to have a wonderful turnout in 2021.

Dates for 2020 and 2021

Tuesday 15 Dec	Last official day for Year 6 students End of Year Mass 9am (Year 6 parents only) Refer to weblink above for other families. Year 6 Farewell Guard of Honour at 2.25pm.
Wednesday 16 Dec	Last Day for Kinder – Year 5 students
Thursday 17 Dec	Staff Development Day (handover meetings between 2020 and 2021 teachers).
Monday 18 Jan	(2-4pm) Uniform Shop open
Friday 22 Jan	(8.15-10.15am) Uniform Shop open
Monday 25 Jan	(2-4pm) Uniform Shop open
Wednesday 27 Jan	Staff Development Day
Thursday 28 Jan	Mathematics Assessment Interviews (Years 1-6). Book by clicking here. Event no 6ntnt Best Start Kindergarten
Friday 29 Jan	First Day for Years 1-6 Best Start Kindergarten
Monday 1 st Feb	Best Start Kindergarten
Tuesday 2 nd Feb	First Day for Kindergarten
Friday 5 th Feb	School Swimming Carnival (details to be advised on return).

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers
Principal



THE UNIFORM SHOP

Extended Opening Hours

January 2021

Monday 18th 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Friday 22nd 8:15am to 10:15am

Monday 25th 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Friday 29th 8:15am to 10:15am

February 2021

Monday 1st 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Friday 5th 8:15am to 10:15am

The Uniform Shop will be closed from Monday 14th December.

All orders after this date will be dispatched for home delivery or available for pick up from Monday 18th January.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School Uniform Shop